

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action of February 2, 2006, it is to be noted that Claim 35 has now been amended so as to directly claim the first connection member by stating that a forage treatment device comprises a first connecting part having a first connection member configured to connect the at least one conditioning element to the support by said first connection member. In addition, Claim 35 has been amended to state that the second connecting part is configured to maintain connection of the at least one conditioning element to the support only when the first connection member breaks. Insofar as element 36 of Hill fails to teach or disclose the above-noted limitations of Claim 35, it is submitted that such claim as well as all claims dependent therefrom clearly patentably defines over Hill as well as the remaining references of record.

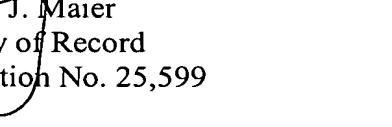
In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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